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AMERY MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL DRUG CRIMES

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment charging Bradley Hill, 48, Amery, Wis., with distribution of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. If convicted, Hill faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison.

The sealed indictment was returned on January 7, 2009. It alleges that Hill distributed methamphetamine on January 17, 2008 and possessed methamphetamine with intent to distribute on July 4, 2008.

Hill was arrested and made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Madison on January 15. At a detention hearing today, he was ordered detained pending trial, which is scheduled for April 27, 2009.

The charges against Hill are the result of an investigation conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Superior Police Department, Amery Police Department and Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal

Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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